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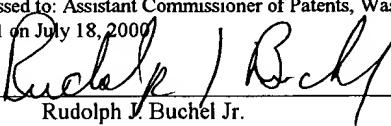
For: **Mechanism and Business Method  
for Implementing a Service Contract  
Futures Exchange**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

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